



Pollicronicon:  



An Introductory Anno dñi. M.cccc.lxxxv.

What thyng maye sowne / to gretter excellence
Than morall / vertue hyghly to preferre
And vyce oppresse / with besy dyligence
That ydelnesse approche / ne come no nerre
Redyng of bokes / slouth wyll ay forbarre
In sondry wyse / whiche gyue Instruction
As dothe this boke / of Polycricon

Whiche Roger Thorne Mercer hath exhorted
wrynken de worde / of vertuous entent
well to correcte / and greatly hym comforted
This speyall boke / to make and sette in prynt
This is the grounde / of all that he hath ment
Reders to glade / and boyde all ydelnesse
Trustyng to please / bothe god and man I gesse

Some men delyte / with wondre dyligence
Hoche wordely good / and rychesse to purchase
Some spozte and pleye some bokes of sentence
Reioyce to rede / as god wyll sende them grace
But woo worthe slouth / y all euell dothe embrace
Whiche maketh vs bestly / slouthfull and in slepe
When we sholde worche / our lyft and soule to kepe

Take hede of castellys / and of towres hye
They falle for lacke / of reparacion
So done these bokes / when we lyst not applye
Them to renewe / be operacion
That after labour / for recreation
we maye reioyce / to vnderstonde and see
Fayttes of leynyng / whiche in bokes bee

Than for this worke / that it maye well procede
To laude and prayfynge / of the heuenly kyng
And that the prynter / therto haue good spede
God I beseeche / whiche sende hym furtheryng
And all the helpers / from the begynnynge
That it maye fenyshe / partelesse of all blame
The prynter restyng / euer in good name

Explicit.

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